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1. a. A large number of Soviet tank trucks, trucks, and radio trucks was observed at the airfield of ERFURT-BINDERSLEBEN (M 51/J 26) on 1 June 1949. Twenty-seven aircraft coming from the east landed at the field at 11:40 a.m. on 15 June 1949. Soldiers and ammunition were unloaded. The aircraft took off again at 2:30 p.m. heading west. Eighty soldiers and one reconnaissance plane remained at the field. The following motor vehicles were seen at the airfield: eight trucks **██████████** four passenger cars **██████████** and **██████████** one ambulance **██████████** and several tank trucks and radio trucks.

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b. There was intensive flying between 5 and 7 p.m. On 17 June 1949. Thirty transport aircraft, escorted by twenty fighters, made a landing. Before the transport aircraft landed, thirty parachutists jumped from them. One of the parachutes did not open leading to a fatal accident. At 6:30 p.m. fourteen aircraft took off heading east.

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Comment: **██████████**

a. The ERFURT-BINDERSLEBEN airfield is not permanently occupied by an air unit. It has recently been repeatedly used by transport aircraft. The operations of these planes are obviously connected with the maneuvers of army units in Thuringia. The report does not make it clear what unit landed on the day of observation. These planes were possibly assigned to the air transport regiment stationed in ALTBURG.

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b. **██████████** units of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div stationed in the area of WEISSENFELS-NAUMBURG-ERFURT-GOTHA. It was previously reported

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that individual units of this division are being trained for airborne missions. Systematic parachute training has not been observed so far. Note-worthy in this connection is the report of another source, according to which Soviet parachute officers were observed in JULTERBOG-DAM on 10 June 1949 [redacted].

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